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Incumbents keep school board seats

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Incumbents were the toast of the Romulus City Clerk's office Tuesday night when they were re-elected to four-year-terms on the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

Celeste Roscoe, 48, and trustee Ken Meinkiewicz, 63, edged out challengers Eugene Robinson and Danielle Funderburg, earning 463 and 427 votes, respectively. Robinson received 277 votes, and Funderburg earned 272. Both winners have served one term.

The 768 votes cast represent only 5 percent of the 18,000 registered voters in the city, said Clerk Linda Choate.

"In terms of turnout, it's been pretty bad all day," she said. "At some polling locations, we had less than 10 voters."

Nevertheless, Roscoe said she

wanted to thank the people who did get out and vote for her on an exceptionally rainy Tuesday.

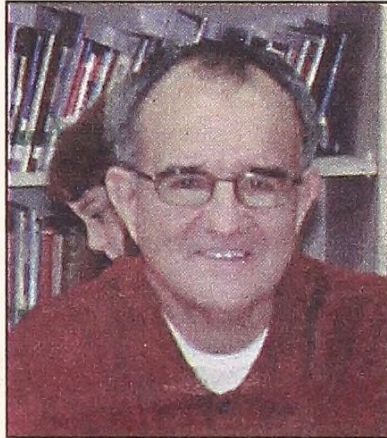
"I want to thank everyone because it shows the people like the work I've been doing for the past four years," she said. "I love what I do, and it's great to know I'll be able to keep on doing it for another term."

She also said she's ready to roll up her sleeves immediately.

"We have so much to do right now," Roscoe said. "This is generally a very busy time for the board."

Meinkiewicz was unreachable for comment for this story Tuesday.

The candidates, along with the five other members of the Romulus School Board, face an especially trying budget situation as district personnel is in transition. The board hired a new superintendent to lead the district last week, but faces more



Ken Meinkiewicz



Celeste Roscoe

retirements this year because of a buyout program in 2005. The plan was devised to stave off a \$1 million budget shortfall.

About 4,300 students are enrolled at Romulus Schools.

Both Roscoe and Meinkiewicz executed a "stay the course" philosophy during the campaign. Both said they, more than outside candidates, know the inner work-

ing of the district and have the experience to right the ship when funding issues get tough.

Roscoe is employed as an accounts payable representative by Detroit Automatic Tooling Co., a small manufacturer in Romulus. She has three children - one of whom is in the 10th

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Board hires new schools superintendent

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

After an aggressive interview process that included meetings with community members and tours of the candidates' places of work, Carl J. Weiss has been selected as the new superintendent of Romulus Community School.

Weiss, the current deputy superintendent of Dearborn District 7, begins work as the superintendent July 1. He will work in conjunction with Joel Carr, who will stay on at the district until his official retirement in August. The seven-member Romulus Community School Board voted 6-1 to hire him after marathon interview process of nine candidates.

Weiss, who learned the job was his last week, said he's looking forward to a new challenge in a much larger district.

"I am really looking forward to meeting and working with the citizens of Romulus and the members of the Romulus education community," he said. "I believe we can all work together to continue to provide the very best educational opportunities possible for all Romulus children."

Compensation for the position of superintendent equals \$150,000.



Carl J. Weiss

At Dearborn 7, Weiss and Superintendent Susan Backman oversaw a six-school district with about 1,900 students. In Romulus, Weiss will oversee an eight-school district with 4,300 students.

School Board Trustee Celeste Roscoe said the decision to narrow the field to one candidate was difficult.

"This was really tremendously difficult because all of the candidates we interviewed were highly qualified and had excellent credentials," she said. "This was a long process for us all, especially because we know that whomever we choose for the job is going to have tremendous impact."

Weiss began his career in education more than 25 years ago after he earned his bachelor's of

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A banner day

Spring has officially arrived in Romulus with the hanging of seasonal banners from the light poles in the downtown area. The banners - which are emblazoned with bright tulips, signifying spring, are part of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) beautification project. Mayor Alan Lambert and DDA director Maria Lambert display one of the banners.

City encourages clean-up

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Making Romulus a better place to live is the focus of the upcoming Spring Clean-up Week that begins on May 13.

For the entire week, residents are urged to pick up debris and other unsightly items from their property. But the city has taken

an extra step by opening up the public works yard for residents who need to dispose of larger items.

The yard will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday during clean-up week. No items will be accepted on Sunday.

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Relay for Life

Charity event set for Belleville High School

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Area residents will soon gather the annual Relay For Life, which generates funds for cancer-related charities.

The third annual Relay For Life of Belleville will take place from 10 a.m.-10 a.m. on May 20 and 21 at Belleville High School.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society signature event that raises funds and awareness of cancer research and patient programs.

For 24 hours, teams of family, friends and co-workers camp out and take turns walking the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times as a reminder that cancer never sleeps, according to Renay Weiss-Stansell, community development director for the American Cancer Society Metro-Detroit area service center.

"Relay For Life is a unique opportunity for people from all walks of life to come together to honor those that are battling the disease, remember loved ones lost to cancer and band together in the fight against cancer," she said.

"We're growing this year and I have no doubt the event will be a huge success," Weiss Stansell added.

Last year, 17 teams participated in Belleville to generate more than

\$46,362. This year, the goal is even higher—\$68,000. So far, 22 teams have signed up.

"I think we'll make our goal because we have a lot of energetic and new people," said Weiss-Stansell.

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Renay Weiss-Stansell

Participating cancer survivors are given commemorative pins or sashes to wear as they lead a special victory lap around the track to start the event and in honor of their triumph over cancer. The lap will take place at 10 a.m.

"The victory lap is one of the most moving experiences of my life," said Sheralee Renton, chair of the event. "Each year I'm overwhelmed by the crowds of people who surround the track cheering on survivors. It reminds me that I'm not alone in my fight against cancer."

At the heart of this event is the luminaria ceremony, which occurs after sundown. The small, candlelit bags are decorated with the names of people who have faced cancer

and line the track often into the morning hours.

"The sight of the luminaria glowing in the darkness is breathtaking," said Renton. "The luminaria ceremony brings to light the impact cancer has had on our community and inspires us to do everything possible to find a cure."

New this year, the relay will have the "wall of hope" banner to receive as many signatures as possible, which will then be taken to the celebration on the hill in September in Washington D.C., according to Weiss-Stansell.

"Once in Washington about 4,500 banners will be put together for a large wall of hope to show how much support we have," she said.

The event will also include music by area entertainers the Belleville Community Band and April Gibson, along with a DJ and children's activities.

"We're always looking for participants until the day of the event," said Weiss-Stansell. "There's a lot going on for everyone to come out."

All funds raised will go to the American Cancer Society mission: research, education, advocacy and service of cancer.

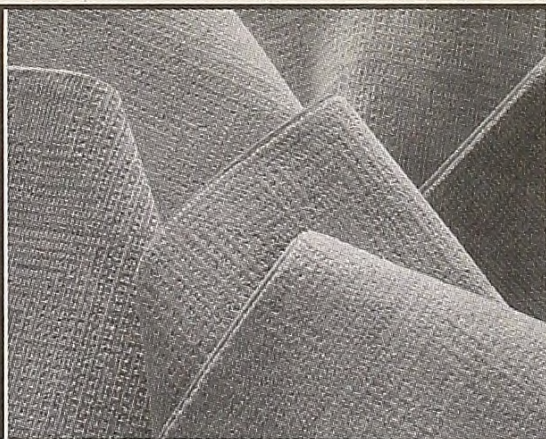
For more information, to donate or to join a team, visit the website www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/belleville or call Weiss-Stansell at (248) 483-4359.



Talent night

Students at Edgemont Elementary School let their talent shine during the recent kindergarten concert and talent night that took place at the school. Kindergarteners performed first with a set of songs that revolved around the theme of "A Day in the Country" with songs like The Farmer in the Dell and Old MacDonald had a Farm. The talent show featured 18 different acts. Performances included dancers, singers, comedians and students who played instruments. Some of the participants were: Savannah Henry who sang her rendition of "What I've Been Looking for," Sara Stoelton who showcased her baton expertise, Sara White who danced a tap routine to J.J. Cale's "Devil in Disguise" and played both angel and devil and Taylor Turk who performed a jazz dance piece.

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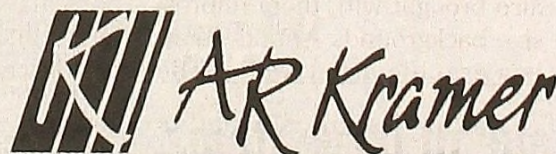
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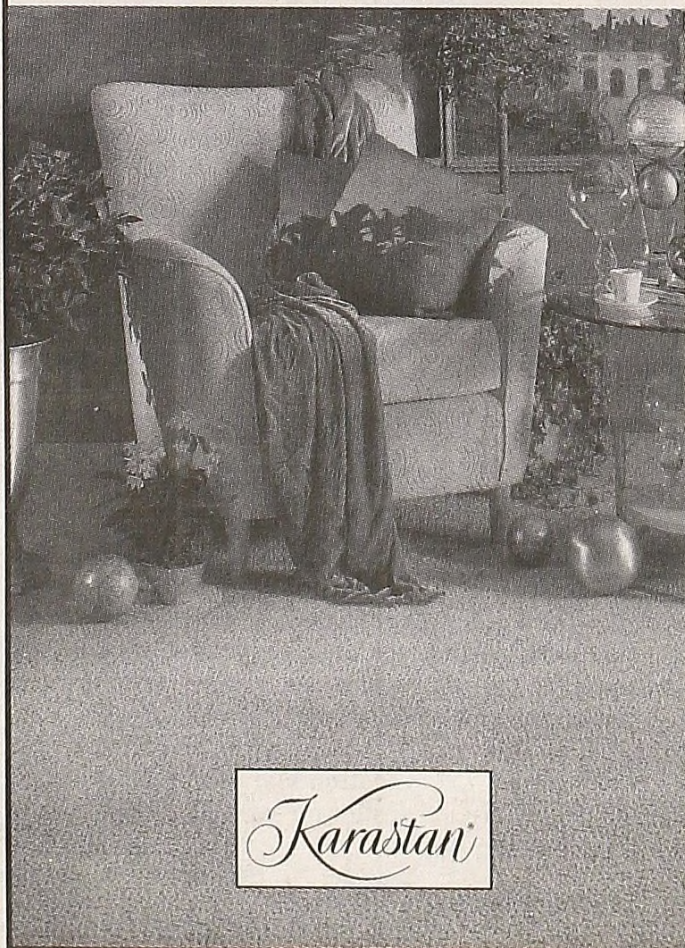
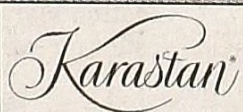
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New business

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Public Service Credit Union attracted area officials last Wednesday at the site of the new building on Merriman Road, north of Smith Road. The event was attended by officials from the City of Romulus, Public Service Credit Union, F.H. Martin Construction and members of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Alan Lambert said, "I welcome the Public Service Credit Union's newest investment in the City of Romulus. It's always good to see a business that has a presence in Romulus expand, and this is a very impressive project." Councilmen John Barden and William Crova joined Lambert, Public Service Credit Union President and CEO Dean Trudeau and Councilman Harry Crout at the event.

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art degree in education from the University of Michigan. He later obtained a master's degree in educational administration from Oakland University.

Weiss joined Lapeer Schools as a teacher and as the supervisor and director of instruction. At Lapeer schools, his teaching assignments were varied: he taught math, biology, physical science and physics. He also coached the tennis, volleyball and track teams.

Five years ago, he moved to the Dearborn 7 District as assistant superintendent. Under his leadership, all seven schools met adequate yearly progress goals

under the federal "No Child Left Behind" law.

Roscoe said Weiss' achievements in a district with similar demographics as Romulus was a factor in the decision to hire him.

"(Weiss) had the most support going in, not only with us but with the community as a whole," she said. "He had a lot of experience in negotiating with unions and working with administrators and educators. I think the ability to work well with our unions was a big part of it. But he has many qualities that we need."

At Dearborn 7, Weiss was able to negotiate contracts with the school labor unions. He helped create administrative programs that updated technology at the seven district facilities, helped

renovate the media centers of some of the buildings, expedited hiring of teachers, and created a three-tiered evaluation system.

Weiss said his approach to managing the district will be simple.

"I try to find things I have in common with people, get acquainted with them, and then move onto the business at hand," he said. Weiss added that he would, "work hard to establish trust with board of education members, take responsibility for his actions, and above all, be honest with people."

Away from the world of education, Weiss and his wife, Lisa, have two children. His daughter, Shauna, is 15 and his son, Tyler, is 13.

Board - Challengers beat nearly 2 to 1 by incumbents

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grade - that have attended classes in the district. She is still active in several school functions outside of her board activities, and is a transition chairperson for the Boy Scouts Troop 872.

Meinkiewicz' experience in education is more direct. He retired four years ago as a guidance counselor and teacher for the Wayne-Westland Public Schools. He was previously a

teacher and counselor for 20 years in the Cherry Hill School District in Inkster, before that district was folded into the Wayne-Westland system.

Meinkiewicz taught businesses classes and worked as a guidance counselor at both John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools.

Robinson and Funderburg also brought with them impressive backgrounds - Funderburg is a graphic artist and public

relations specialist, and Robinson is a quality control engineer.

Funderburg said last week that if she didn't win, she'd still be involved in the schools.

"This isn't really about winning or losing, it's about the kids," she said. "I'm not going anywhere."

Romulus school board members are elected to four-year terms, and come up for re-election on a rotating basis.

Clean - DPS will take in large items, refuse for 1 week

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There are some limits on what will be accepted: No more than three bulky items such as furniture or appliances will be taken, and freon appliances must have a sticker on them that indicates they have been drained. No

more than two loads can be dumped by a single household in one day, and only four tires will be accepted.

Items that will not under any circumstances be accepted are: large car parts, tree stumps, liquid waste, herbicides, lawn mowers, sod, batteries, flammables,

solvents, pesticides, oil, anti-freeze and dirt.

Proof of residency will be requested by public service personnel.

The Romulus Department of Public Works is located at 12600 Wayne Road, between Eureka and Goddard roads.

Students show off at Belleville art show

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Last weekend Belleville High School was packed with treats, sweets and a whole bunch of art as part of the Belleville Area Council For the Arts scholarship art show and dessert gala.

The annual event, which took place Saturday and Sunday, offered delights from several area restaurants, artwork, music by a five-piece ensemble of the Belleville Community Band and a great time, according to Phil Miller, president of the arts group.

"We had tons of parents from the participants in the show and it all went really well," he said.

With the help of the Van Buren Public School District and the St. Anthony's Academy, the arts council hosts the annual program to celebrate and inspire young artists, as well as recognize them with honors and scholarships.

Both events took place in the Belleville High School food service center to fund a \$1,000 scholarship for a for a high school senior with the best portfolio of three or more works. This year, the winner was Stefany Bray.

A \$500 savings bond was also presented to the Best of Show—Adam Rabford, a junior at Belleville High School—as well as awards for first, second, third place and two honorable mentions. Merit ribbons were given to all grades levels and the top two places of each grade also received a complimentary student membership to the arts council in addition to their ribbon.

Art professionals did formal judging, while celebrity judges from the media, government and area businesses like Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor, Mayor Tom Fielder and judges from the 34th District Court provided their input.

Kathy Murphy, art educator at the high school, said everything went smoothly during the event.

"It was fabulous just like every year," she said.

"Each year the kids get more and more talented. I'm blown away to see all the talent in one area and around here in Belleville."

This year, the scholarship art show attracted more than 1,000 entries from about 700 students, who also had the opportunity to sell their work at the show.

The art show is just one of the many free, cultural activities that the arts council offers for the Belleville area, according to the organization.

News in brief

Chamber luncheon announced

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will be the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce luncheon on May 16.

During the luncheon, an installation ceremony for new chamber officers and directors is also planned.

The luncheon will take place at the Doubletree Hotel, 31500 Wick, Romulus. The cost of the luncheon is \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon.

Reservations can be made by calling (734) 326-4290 or by email at info@romuluschamber.org.

Fundraiser will defray medical costs

The family of the late Jay Mansfield are asking friends and family to a benefit dinner in Mansfield's memory to help defray medical expenses incurred for his liver transplant last year.

The dinner will be from 2-8 p.m. this Saturday at the St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, Wayne.

The menu will consist of Middle Eastern food donated by Mr. Muffler in Westland, barbeque ribs and other food donated by friends at Detroit Department of Transportation.

Donations may also be made by those who wish to help but are unable to attend through the website www.jrmansfield-transplant.com.

Funds collected will be distributed to assist his family with medical expenses. Ten percent of all monies collected to be donated to St. Michael Lutheran Church and School and to the H.F.H.S. Liver and Kidney Emergency Fund. Thrivent Financial will match up to \$3,500.

For more information about the dinner call (313) 598-0172.

Golf outing benefits Boys and Girls Club

A golf outing is planned May 18 at the Gateway Golf Club to raise money for the Romulus Boys and Girls Club programs at Merriman and Wick elementary schools.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

A Gold Package costs \$500 and includes provisions for a foursome for golf and two hole sponsor signs. Single golfers or a sponsor sign cost \$100.

For information regarding registration for golf or about becoming a sponsor, contact Jill Covell at Merriman Elementary School (734) 941-5839.

OPINION

The enemy is money

Those who want to save the Historic Wayne Theater have opened the doors to city inspectors today.

The goal of the tour is to give the volunteers some idea of the kind of repairs they need to make to bring the facility up to code—and therefore have it taken off the Dangerous Building list. It's the first solid step toward the preservation of the theater and a needed one if it is ever to see viable use again.

So far in this process, everyone has done the right thing. Granted, that has mostly been talking—although volunteers at the theater have done a good job of sprucing up the interior and making what minor repairs they could.

Still, the communication is a positive sign. The folks on the theater side say they want to work with the city, get things in order and have the theater open within a year. They've got fundraisers planned, a marketing campaign all but set to go and people interested in moving in already.

The discussion has been just as encouraging, on the surface, from the city perspective. City officials have said they want to work with the Historic Theater Board of Directors to clear up the issues at the 70-year-old structure on Michigan Avenue. They suggested the tour as the first step in that cooperation. At the same time, though, they warn that they've heard it all before and they're tired of empty promises.

Because it is far easier to work with the volunteers than against them, we hope this spirit of cooperation continues. If it does, there may be hope for the aging structure, after all.

It still won't be an easy job, though. Even if city officials and theater volunteers cooperate fully, the preservationists have a huge undertaking ahead of them. Their biggest obstacle won't be resistance on the part of city officials, it will be finding the money to do what they need to do.

It's difficult to tell exactly how much the preservation effort will cost. It will probably still be difficult to get a handle on those expenses even after the walk through. Everybody knows it won't be cheap, though. One of the things that will be needed is a sprinkler system, and those are expensive. The city just approved a bid for a system at the Wayne Historical Museum—which could probably fit on the stage of the theater—and it cost nearly \$50,000.

The biggest advantage the theater people have to work with is the structure. They should get used to giving tours to perspective revenue sources, for it is virtually impossible to stand inside there and not feel the potential singing from the aging walls.

There must be a better way

Wayne City Council members face some difficult decisions when they go through the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

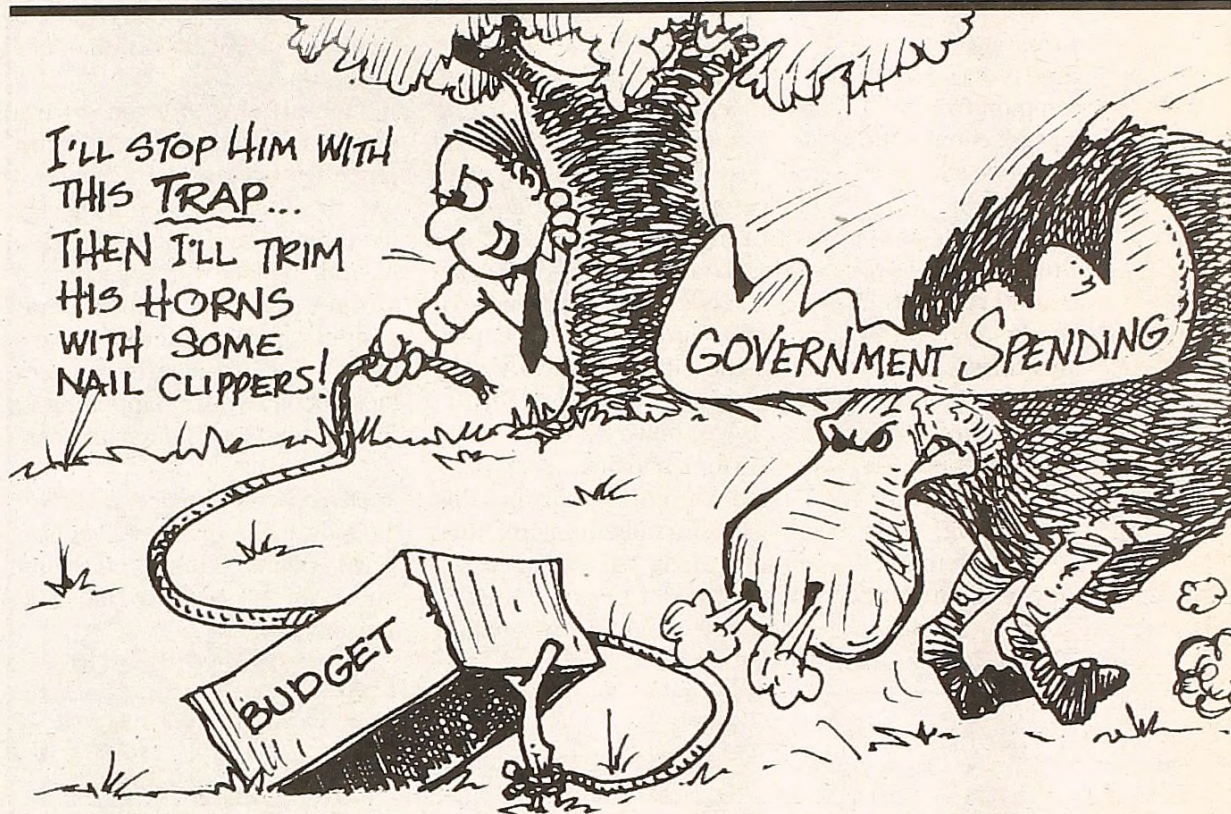
Council members got their first look at the proposed budget Monday night and it was as City Manager John Zech warned it would be: a trimmed down version that proposes layoffs and cutbacks on programs. He said it was, in many ways, unlike any other budget he's prepared for the 15 years he's been doing it.

The proposed budget showed potential layoffs in the police and fire department as well as the parks and recreation department, reduced spending on events like the Wayne Wheelfest—the beginning of which also happened Monday night, when council members rescinded a contract that would have brought an Elvis Presley tribute to the popular summer festival.

It also questioned the necessity—or at least the ability of the city to fund—the D.A.R.E. program as well as the middle school and high school police officer positions.

It essentially provided for basic services and little else.

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Every life has a story to tell

Dingman.

Oddly familiar, the name circulated in my brain, looking for something to connect with.

Steven Dingman, 48, of Wayne.

"Where do I know that name from?" I asked Sgt. Daniel Juras, the lead investigator in his murder. It was a rhetorical question, but he answered it anyway.

"I couldn't tell you," he said, a cop's no-nonsense answer.

"Did he have any kind of history?" I asked.

Nothing recent, was the reply. The Wayne Police Department had a few contacts with him several years ago, but nothing while I had been covering the city.

Juras said he often walked in the area of Michigan Avenue and Elizabeth streets, near where he was eventually killed, and that many people knew him.

I hung up, scratching my head. I wouldn't find the answer for a day or two.

Even then, the answer didn't come from some new information, but rather something I realized was missing: a man who I had, indeed, often seen in the neighborhood, walking along Michigan Avenue or Clark Street, through the parking lot of the old Farmer Jack's building.

I did know Steven Dingman, I just never took the

time to learn his name.

He usually carried an empty plastic bag with him. Sometimes there was a returnable bottle or two inside it. He tried to sell one of our staff members 100 light bulbs, once. I had helped him out a few times until my own financial situation got to the point where I had to count every penny. After that it was a sorry smile and a shake of the head, at first, and irritation later on.

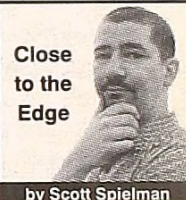
Now he was gone.

His tragedy spurred a lot of interest. We got a lot of calls here at the office about him, whether the family would do some kind of wake and when that would be. I didn't know, but I tried to find out. A call to his sister went unanswered and I didn't call back, wondering if I had found the right number. I wanted to tell his story.

That thought stuck with me a week later as I headed to another funeral, this one for Audrey Tucker, a celebrated Wayne resident who ran the senior services department for more than 20 years and left an eternal mark on the community.

I learned more about her life in that hour, crammed with dozens of friends, family and well-

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Is no place safe for children?

What's happening in our schools today is sad.

Last week, North Middle School in Belleville was added to the list of area schools that have experienced a bomb threat.

Students and staff were evacuated from the school last Wednesday after officials found the words along the lines of "it's a bomb in school" written on the boy's lavatory wall. Everyone was evacuated and a K-9 unit was sent in to search the building. No explosives were found and no one was hurt. The scary part though, is that no one knows if it was a prank or not.

Back in the day, a prank in school was something like setting off the fire alarm or letting a toilet overflow (neither of which is necessarily a good thing), but threatening to blow up a building, killing innocent people? What is the world coming to?

Other neighboring school districts have also experienced the same type of scare. Inkster High School had a bomb threat phoned in and Northville High School also found a threatening message in a boy's lavatory.

Ironically, the first known school bomb threat happened in Bath, Michigan in 1927, according to the Center for Problems through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice. Unfortunately, I'm sure this most recent incident in Michigan will not be the last, either.

Statistically, school is still one of the safest places

children can spend their time, according to the Michigan State Police, but with numerous threats to the schools, how much longer will that statistic hold true?

As part of the emergency response plan in the Van Buren Public School District, if a bomb threat is made, the procedure requires administrators to evaluate the threat, determine if an evacuation is needed, notify the superintendent and if the threat is valid, call 911, activate the crisis management team, evacuate the building and let the police/bomb officials determine when it is safe to re-enter. All bomb threats—whether or not deemed valid for evacuation—must be reported to the police, according to the response plan.

If an explosive device is found the procedure is similar: notify the superintendent, call 911, activate the crisis management team, evacuate the building and let the police/bomb officials determine when it is safe to re-enter.

The Michigan State Police also suggest other actions to help school administrators and teachers prepare to deal with bomb threats and explosives, like hosting school board meetings with parents to discuss possible solutions for dealing with bomb

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Price of information has gone up

A few things are a given in reporting, and as arrogant as it sounds, city-provided information free of charge is one of them.

The most common free information reporters get is our council packets. For anyone who doesn't follow the goings-on of journalists, a packet contains paper copies of all initiatives – and supporting background stuff – that will be discussed by elected officials at public meetings.

I guess I've always taken for granted that this practice would be applied to the budget process, and normally, it is: All seven of our reporters have big, bulky books from one or more municipalities that they're examining. We're only missing one budget – that's from the City of Romulus.

Having the book in-hand makes it easier to go along with what's being said at budget hearings, and it's a good way to double check oneself – we're bound to be as accurate as possible, and to leave as little as possible up to conjecture in our reporting.

But my several requests for a budget booklet have been thwarted – I'm being told it's because of a charter provision. This is puzzling; the city is generally very good about providing information. I was, however, told I could pay \$15 for a booklet.

No other municipality has this provision. Usually, municipalities make it fairly easy to access a budget booklet because they're concerned about misinformation getting out.

When cities make it difficult, a reporter has to wonder, what's in the document that officials are leery about?

One official told me off the record that the city didn't want anything reported until the budget process was completely ironed out, and public hearing had taken place. But covering the budget process – and what aspects of the document are changed – often tells readers more about what's happening in the city than the final result does.

Remembering officers: One of the most well-organized events in Wayne County is taking place outside of the Inkster City Hall at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The Inkster Police Officer

Lives

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wishers, than I had in the last three years. Her achievements were celebrated as much as her spirit and her desire to treat everyone equally.

I wanted to give a good send off to both these residents—one remarkable, the other less so—but was left with little knowledge of Mr. Dingman.

I didn't get a chance to tell his story, but I know somehow, Audrey Tucker would have cheerfully found a way to, and she probably would have done a better job.

Budget

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The council will get together in the first study session for the proposed budget on Tuesday at city hall. It won't be an easy meeting, but we do have a few suggestions.

First of all, keep the school police officer positions and the D.A.R.E. program. City officials have said all along that it's not the way that they manage their finances that has caused this situation, it's the fact that revenues are stagnant and costs have skyrocketed. It's not the fault of any of our students and they shouldn't be penalized. Besides, these programs work. They help eradicate bad behavior before it becomes a problem. They're more than just feel good programs. They get results and our children are worth it. Part of the money for the school positions comes from the school district, and they've maintained their funding, despite budgetary concerns of their own.

Obviously, city officials would agree. Nobody likes proposing layoffs. Nobody wants to reduce the police force. We wonder if there are more creative ways to fund the positions, though. The City of Wayne already takes too much money from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the general budget, but maybe there's a way to fund additional patrol officers through that fund and reallocate the money to other areas. Or, since this budgetary mess seems to be the fault of the state and the economy, why not request state troopers to patrol Michigan Avenue, or send the state a bill for that service?

The city council will face several difficult decisions in the coming weeks. They won't be able to make everybody happy. But the police officers have earned the right to continue these valuable, successful programs and our children are worth the effort.

Schools

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threats, installing caller I.D. or a 'trapped trace' on all telephones within the building that accept incoming calls and informing students and parents through a district school letter that the length of the school year will be increased for every day of instruction lost due to a bomb threat. Officials also suggest installing a surveillance camera system and use 'dummy cameras', as well as cameras with a time delay and publicizing a message clearly stating threats will not be tolerated within the school system. They also suggest a zero tolerance policy concerning threats of violence.

Yes, the world's a scary place, but apparently, so are America's schools.

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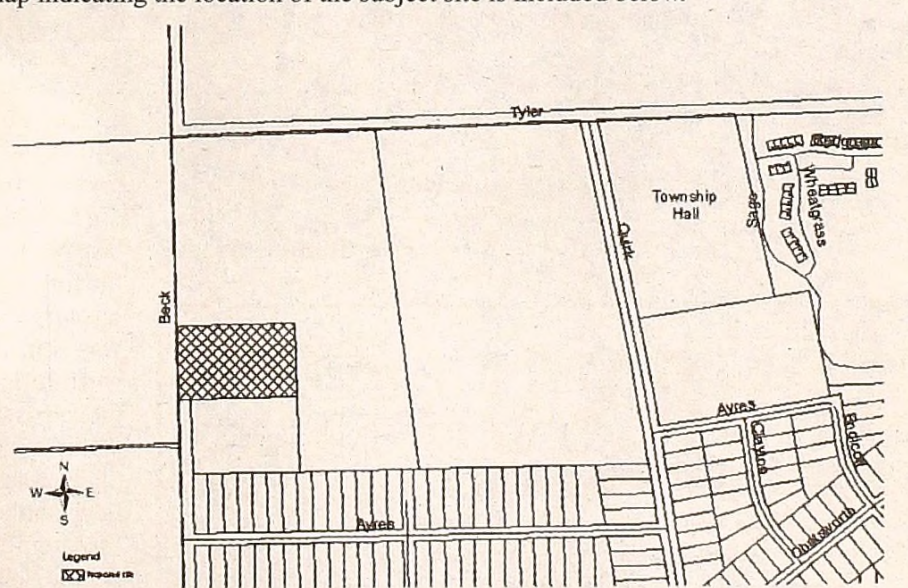
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The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

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The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for outside storage of contracting equipment and supplies per Section 15.03 (d) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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THE SCENE

UNITED 93 A moving story of Sept. 11, 2001

Reviewed By
Kevin Hill
Staff Writer



Watching *United 93*, the first studio attempt to portray the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists attacks, is like living that terrible day all over again; when the majority of Americans huddled inside on a beautiful fall morning, paralyzed and wondering what in the hell was going on.

Few felt more in the dark and helpless than the people whose job it was to know precisely that. The air traffic controllers stared at the blips on their screen moving disturbingly off course and incommunicado. Military commanders barked into telephones to get approval to shoot down, if necessary, the hijacked planes. And in Florida, the President gaped wide-eyed at elementary school children as Andrew Card whispered the news that the World Trade Center had been attacked.

The action of the terrorists still stings as much as the failure of our government to keep us safe, so the stories that touch us most are the ones that tell of the brave souls who did their best to cope with the circumstances.

The firefighters, police officers and paramedics who rushed into the doomed towers were much-lauded heroes, and deservedly so. *United 93* is a brilliant tribute to what shouldn't remain a subplot in the story of that day.

The film shows the 37 passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 arrive sleepy-headed for an early flight from Newark to San Francisco. To the flight crew's relief, the plane is far below capacity: it'll be an easy morning. They go through the safety shtick; make sure the seats are upright; the passen-

will soon disrupt into chaos and tragedy, and writer/director Paul Greengrass makes the crucial decision not to patronize us with foreshadowing. For that matter, he employs none of the ordinary cinematic storytelling tricks. Music is sparse; there are no grandiose soliloquies or voice-overs. Indeed, most of the dialogue seems improvised. The terrorists aren't shift-eyed super villains. Even a sniff of this stuff would have sent the tasteless factor through the roof.

Greengrass smartly recognizes that there's no need to present this film in that way. Instead, the story of 93 simply plays out, following the official outline of the events, filling in some invented details where necessary, and never cutting away to the other flights. Like on the day itself, we helplessly learn about the terrorists' plot as it unfolds. We don't see the first plane strike the twin towers; we just see the smoke when Sliney orders CNN be turned on, and react in horror when the images come through.

It is generally believed that a 40-minute delay in takeoff kept the hijackers of Flight 93 from starting their attack on time. If they had, there probably wouldn't have been enough time for passengers to organize their counter-attack. Herded in the coach section, they pass information to each other garnered from telephone calls with loved ones on the ground. They gradually discover what has happened and make the bold decision to rush the cockpit and try to wrest control of the plane.

The confusion of the day is conveyed through a shaking, unfocused lens. Every actor is a relative unknown and believable as a victim of circumstances. Many of them aren't

even actors at all: Sliney is one of a handful who actually play themselves, nervously but to great effect.

Anyone who has seen this movie will tell you it was not easy to watch. Some may not wish to see it again soon. But it's worth remembering the darkness we all felt five years ago, even if as we emerge from the theater into the daylight, we still don't see clearly why it happened.

gers make uninteresting small-talk; the pilot introduces himself to the first officer. In Virginia, Ben Sliney begins his first day as national operations manager at the FAA command center; the first, pressing order of business is sorting out the week's flight delays.

We all know what they are flying toward. The monotony

An open letter to DFCU Financial

MEMBERS

We are extremely disappointed to learn that a small group of members has submitted a petition to recall our Board of Directors, which is a reckless and irresponsible act that is **putting our credit union and our jobs at risk.**

We, the employees of DFCU Financial, believe in and fully support our Board of Directors and management – and we say this of our own free will.

As employees who work hard each day to earn your trust and meet your financial needs, we hope you will take a moment to read how we feel about this risky and dangerous proposition. Below is just a sampling of what some of us have to say:

If our Board is recalled, our future and that of our members WILL be jeopardized. I encourage all employees and members to think long and hard before taking this drastic step. Do you want revenge, or do you want to maintain the success we are experiencing today? Save our Board!

Kelly Kidwell – 16 years

Life at DFCU Financial is better under the management we have now, which means employees are happier and the service we provide to the membership is greater. I can only hope that members will conclude that recalling the Board of Directors will have a profoundly negative impact on devoted, caring and happy employees like me. VOTE NO!

Steven Schulman – 14 years

We don't want our Board or our CEO to be removed from their obligations. We want to continue to grow, as we have been in the last six years, so we can offer more job opportunities and branches to serve our members in the ways in which we have grown accustomed.

Lynn Wall – 11 years

We're not just afraid of losing our jobs, but of destroying a great business that WE have been such a part of. We as members and employees are counting on the rest of our membership to do the right thing and take a moment to VOTE NO: NO CHANGE – NO RECALL.

Cheryl Stephenson – 22 years

In my years of service, I have always been proud of DFCU Financial for their commitment to our members. That will never change because as an organization, it is what we are all about. The current leadership made this organization what it is today: a strong viable financial institution that continues to grow and prosper. I do not feel that changing the current Board is good for DFCU Financial. Nothing will be gained, and much could be lost.

Teri Golles – 12 years

The current strength of the credit union is based on the people who are here and the decisions made in the last five years. To see the job accomplished by our CEO and our team, all you have to do is look at where we are today. This kind of success doesn't happen by accident. To remove those responsible for this success is reckless and the results will be catastrophic.

Cheryl M. Nelson – 3 years

I am proud to be a part of such an outstanding company. I was here when our CEO started, and I can honestly say that since he has arrived, our company has taken a turn for the better and it continues. You can see it in the branches; you can hear it in the members' voices. The growth we've achieved is incredible and an accomplishment to be proud of as an individual and an organization.

Rachael Shepherd – 8 years

We aren't only employees of the credit union; we are members as well. We care deeply about the future of our jobs and our credit union.

When the time comes to vote to recall our Board of Directors, we implore you to vote NO. By doing so, you guarantee that the credit union you have come to depend on will continue to be here – and we'll still be here – to serve you and protect your money.

Most sincerely,

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Obituaries

KREYGER, Edmund

Edmund W. Kreyger, 82, of Romulus, died April 11.

Among his survivors are his wife, Myra (Polenz) Kreyger; sons, Craig (Kathy) Kreyger of South Dakota and Brent Kreyger of Romulus; his daughter, Gayle Mach of Romulus; grandsons, Brandt Kreyger and Benjamin Mach, and a sister, Margaret Galazen.

Mr. Kreyger retired from the Wayne County Road Commission in 1975. He was a member of the Romulus VFW 9568 and the Wayne County Retirees Association. He was also a Wayne County Employees Union member.

Mr. Kreyger served in the United State Navy.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

DEBUYSSCHER, Alfonse

Alfonse G. Debuysscher, 85, of Romulus, died April 18.

Among his survivors are his sons, Gerald J. "Jerry" (JoLynn) DeBuysscher of Belleville and Paul J. DeBuysscher of Romulus; a daughter, Virginia Silvey of Romulus, and six grandchildren.

Mr. DeBuysscher retired from General Motors Hydramatic Plant in 1984.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a former member of both UAW Local 734 and VFW Post 9568.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

MULLINS, Mollie

Mollie Ann Mullins, 65, of Romulus, died Jan. 29.

Among her survivors are her children, Earl F. (Alice) Mullins, Jr.; Jeffrey Howard Mullins, Ronald Scott Mullins and Michelle Ann Mullins; grandchildren, Lauren Nicole and Ryan Jeffrey; a brother, Howard Woodard and a sister, Dorothy Kirchoff.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

RUSSELL, Annie

Annie Marie Russell, 83, of Romulus, died Feb. 14.

Among her survivors are her six children, John C., John Jr., Joseph, Opal, Doris

and Aurelia; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with Brother Ray Hare officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

GUNTER, Tierra

Tierra Lee Gunter, 47 days old, died Feb. 21.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

MASSEY, Willie Jr.

Willie Massey Jr., 53, of Inkster died Feb. 26.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with Elder Ronald Springer officiating.

Interment was at United Memorial Gardens.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 10, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: John Barden, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Ellen Craig-Bragg.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-136

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 3, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-137

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to approve second reading and final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by rezoning (PC-2005-053) DP #82-80-017-01-0109-001 from R1-B, Single Family Residential District to C-2, General Business District, introduced at the Council Meeting held April 3, 2006. Amendment No. 1.210.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-138

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to grant a no-fee permit to the Romulus Christian Ministerial Association for their Annual Good Friday March to be held on April 14, 2006, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Historical Park, traveling south on Goddard Road to the Romulus Wesleyan Church located at Five Points.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-139

5A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Recreation Director, Kristin Irwin to adopt a resolution to designate the weekend of May 18-21, 2006 as our City Wide Yard Sale Weekend and grant approval for no fee permits to be issued for those interested residents, and further designate the week-end of June 1-4, 2006 as rainout dates.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-140

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with Assistant DPW Director, Richard Suiter and adopt a resolution designating Saturday, May 13, 2006 and Monday May 15, 2006 through Saturday May 20, 2006 as Spring Clean Up Week, including free dumping of non-hazardous trash at the DPW for Romulus Residents.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-141

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to grant authorization to pay the National League of Cities 2006/2007 Annual Membership dues in the amount of \$1,654.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

06-142

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with DPW Inspector Coordinator, Kathy Hood and authorize Richard Suiter, DPW Assistant Director, signatory power for long term maintenance agreements for storm water retention/detention system, storm water systems and Wayne County Permits to construct.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-143

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Assistant DPW Director Richard Suiter and award Bid 05/06-34, 2006 GMC 4 Door, 4WD Yukon to the low bidder, John Rogin, Airport GMC in the amount of \$34,500.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Crova.

Motion Carried.

06-144

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with acting DPW Director Patrick Hogan and approve the change order for the City Hall roof repair by Morss Roofing in the amount of \$7,200.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-145

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 05/06-29 introduced at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 3, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-146

9. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to schedule a Study Session with Metro Sports Center, LLC, on June 5, 2006, 6:30 p.m. be held in the City of Romulus Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-147

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds for payment in the amount of Three Hundred, Thirty Five Thousand, Five Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Thirty- Six Cents (\$335,543.36).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Crova.

Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 10, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 4, 2006

Wayne Community Garage Sale is postponed until June

Scott Spielman
Editor

Wayne officials are hoping some more time will help make a proposed city-wide garage sale more successful.

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce put off the annual garage sale, which had been scheduled for this weekend. The new date will be June 24, according to Gayle Rediske, executive director of the chamber.

"We just didn't have enough vendors," she said. "We didn't have enough time to do what we wanted to do with it."

She said she wanted to put on a successful event at the Wayne parking structure on the corner of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. The event will attract all types of vendors—from those with new products to those who simply want a central space to sell old or used goods—for the day-long event.

"Anyone that wants to sell anything can take part," she said. "We'll take pretty much anything"

The event is modeled after successful

ones that take place in Royal Oak and Grosse Pointe, she said. In fact, the chamber has purchased the vendor list from Grosse Pointe and hopes to attract some of the same people.

"They do it every year," she said.

Anyone that wants to take part can, though. The cost of the sale for vendors

will be \$20 for those selling new items and \$15 for people who want to have space for their own garage sale at the deck. Anyone who registers before May 26 will save \$5 from the fee. Only the space will be provided, though. Vendors will have to bring their own tables and chairs.

Rediske said the chamber was partnering with the city for the event. The event will be set up starting on the top level of the parking structure and continuing down into the lower levels if more space is needed.

"It depends on how many vendors we get," she said.

There will be plenty of parking at the lower levels of the deck or at parking lots nearby the structure. To take part in the sale, call the chamber at (734) 721-0100.

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Gayle Rediske

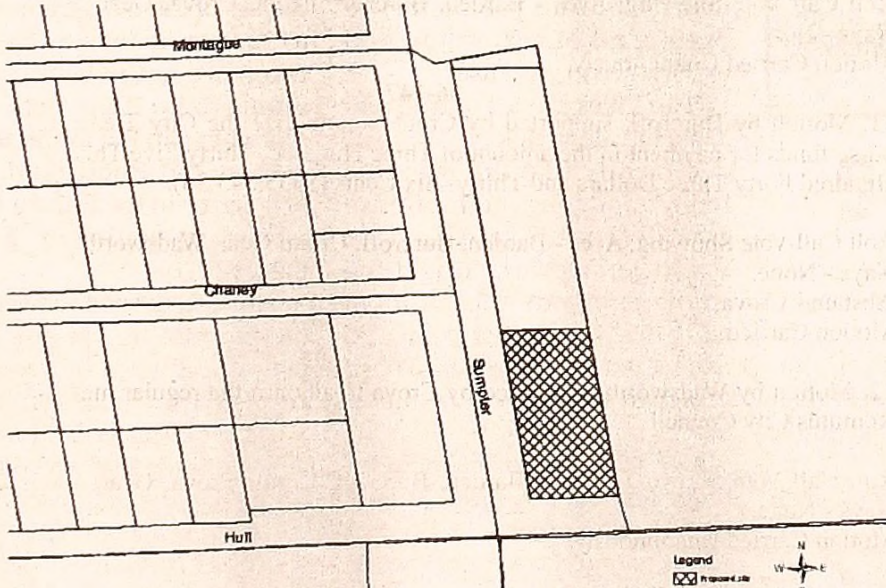
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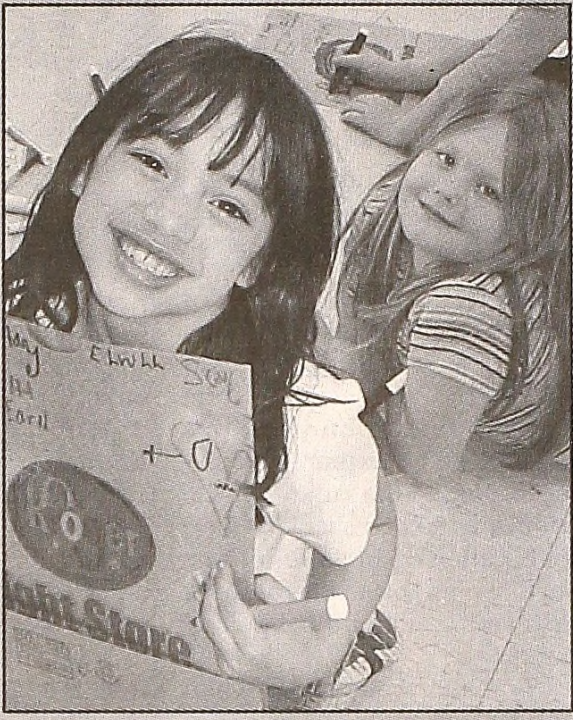
This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-107-99-0002-000. This property is located on the northeast corner of Sumpter and Hull Roads just south of Chaney Street. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a public facility land use per Section 11.04 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., the hearing date.

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Earth friendly

Elwell Elementary students in Belleville celebrated Earth Day recently by decorating grocery bags for the Kroger on Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road in Canton. Jennifer Runyan, a fourth grade teacher at the school, spearheaded the project and arranged for all students to use their artistic talents to decorate bags to remind Kroger customers to honor Mother Earth. Kroger used the bags recently, too. The store has been a supporter of Elwell School this year numerous supplies. The students will continue Earth Day celebrations by building flowerbeds and planting flowers to beautify the school.

Students celebrate Earth Day

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Fifth graders Sheighna James and Lisa Vendlands of Savage Elementary School planted the first tree at the school last week in honor of both Earth and Arbor days.

Last Friday, students from the school received a visit from Theresia and Linda Radtke, environmentalists and distributors of the nutrition company Shaklee, to plant trees and learn more about their benefits to the environment.

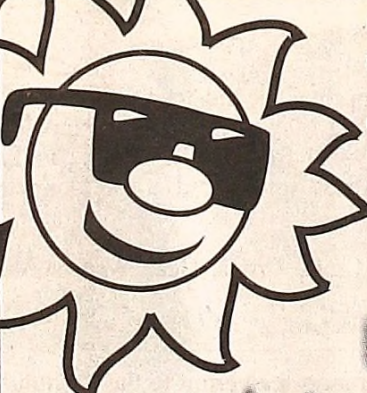
The event was not only to celebrate Earth Day 2006, but also the corporate campaign "A Million Trees A Million Dreams," according to Radtke.

"We're here today to help the students

plant trees here and reach our goal to plant more than one million trees throughout North America," she said. "The campaign will also help tree planting to be done in Kenya, too."

As part of the event, teachers Aleisa Pitt, John Harding and Brent Held, organized a tree sale by members of the Savage student council. About 200 trees were bought and sold throughout the school, according to Pitt.

Shaklee is the number one natural nutrition company in the United States and has a 50-year history as a pioneer in healthy living and as a leader in health and environmental issues. They are committed to using products that improve the health of people without harming the planet, according to the organization.



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SPORTS

Plymouth falls to Canton in cross-campus rivalry

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Plymouth lost its first conference game in softball to cross-campus rivals Canton on Monday night.

Two unearned runs in the fifth gave the Lady Chiefs a 5-3 victory.

The game was knotted, 3-3, in the fifth inning. Canton had runners at second and third with one out when they ripped a shot up the middle. Plymouth freshman second baser Beth Heldemeyer made a diving catch worthy of an ESPN highlight reel for the out, but overthrew third base into an out-of-play zone, which allowed Canton's Brittney Scero to score. The umpire also allowed the Chiefs' Rachel Wade to round

home from second for the 5-3 win—a controversial call, according to Plymouth Coach Val Canfield.

"The runner on third was allowed to go to four—home—according to the rules, but the runner at second shouldn't have been allowed to go four," she said. "I even got out the rule book to show the umpire but he still allowed it."

Despite the questionable fifth run crossing the plate for Canton, Plymouth still was unable to get anything going offensively in the final two rounds of play.

Canfield said her team outplayed Canton. The Lady Cats earned all three of their runs on six hits as opposed to Canton's five unearned runs and three hits.

Plymouth hurler Claire Ostrowski gave up the three hits with two walks. She struck out three.

Junior shortstop Kim Klonowski was 2-for-3 with an RBI and freshman Erin Rhodes had one hit with bases loaded for an RBI.

Canton coach Jim Arnold was unavailable for comment.

Hillary Payne earned the win from the circle for Canton. She allowed all six Plymouth hits and struck out five.

"It was great game but it was a tough loss," Canfield said. "I think it is a game that the girls will learn from."

Plymouth heads to Northville at 4 p.m. on Friday. After that they host Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. on Monday and Churchill

at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Canton Heads to Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. on Friday; hosts Wayne at 4 p.m. on Monday; travels to Salem at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Walled Lake Northern at 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Franklin at 4 p.m. today.

More Plymouth softball

Plymouth suffered its first two non-conference losses at the Saline Invite on Saturday.

The Wildcats fell short against the host team, 8-0, in the first game of the tournament that started at 8:15 a.m.

Plymouth only managed two hits—well off the 10-12 hits they've averaged throughout the season—in the challenge.

The Lady 'Cats led most of the way through their match with Wayland Union, ranked no. 7 in

the state in Division 2, but fell, 4-3 in the final inning.

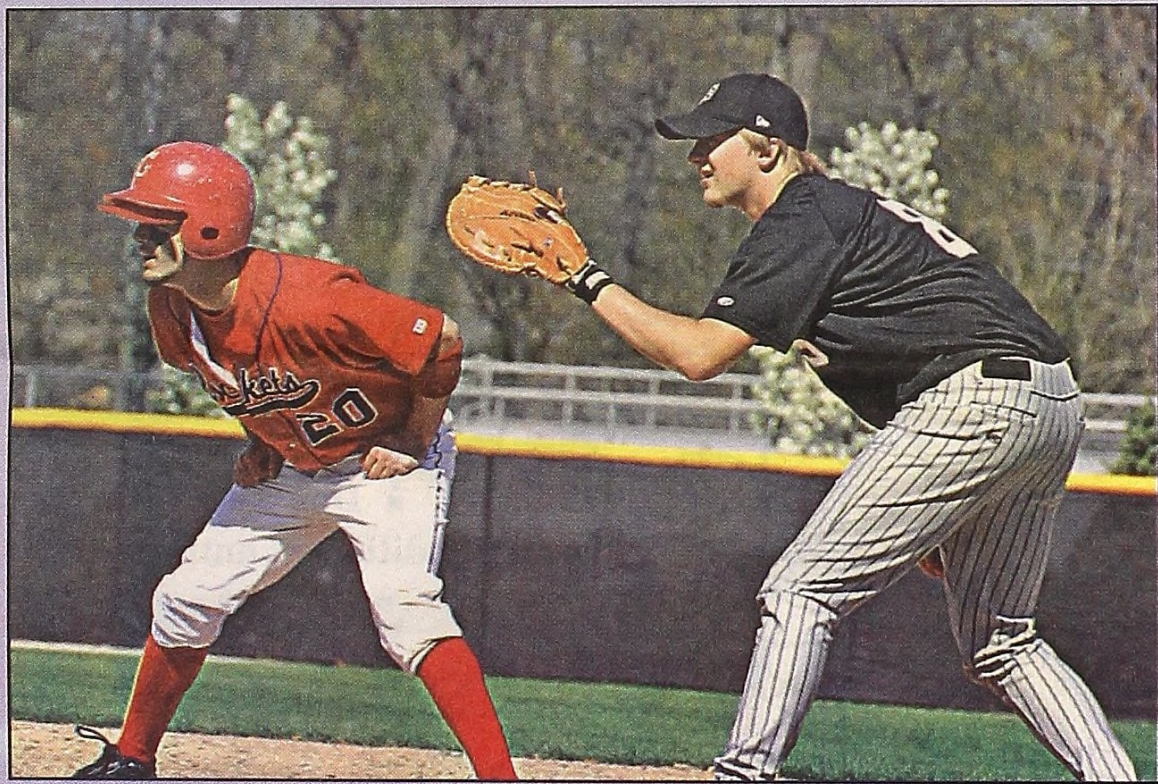
Plymouth led 2-1 after two frames. Senior Erin Ondusky ripped a double in the second, knocking in both Plymouth runs. Then Wayland scored in the third and each team scored in the fourth, making it a 3-3 contest. Wayland pulled out the win in the fifth and final with one run.

Heldemeyer was the only Cat with two hits. She was 2-for-3 at the plate. Junior Melissa Butzow had a double.

Ostrowski, a junior, recorded a rare loss from the circle.

Plymouth finished the tournament on a high note with a 5-1

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Canton overcomes Plymouth

Plymouth fell to cross campus rival Canton, 9-6, Monday night. Canton's Brad Barath had a double and two RBIs on the night. Canton improved to 9-6 overall and 3-1 in the conference. Tyler Locklear was 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and an RBI for Plymouth, now 7-9 overall and 2-2 in the conference. Canton came off of a 21-8 victory against Churchill earlier in the week. Plymouth fell 9-8 to John Glenn (above) last Wednesday. Photo by Ken Garner

Northville soccer routs Wayne, 10-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There's nothing easy about playing soccer in the Western Lakes Conference.

Unfortunately teams like Wayne Memorial have to learn the hard way. The Northville Lady Mustangs shut out the young but talented Lady Zebras, 10-0, on Monday night.

Northville scored two goals in the first minute of play from sophomore Theresa Yankovich (39:38) and senior Lindsay Blair (39:04)—her first of the season.

Yankovich went on to score two more in the contest for her first hat trick of the year. Senior Lauren Hill added four goals and two assists to lead the offensive attack.

Sophomore Sarah Stern and

freshman Karen Mayhall each scored a goal.

Senior goalkeeper Katie Weickel earned her second consecutive shutout for the season.

Wayne faced 10th ranked Canton High School on Wednesday at Canton. Canton scored three quick goals before Wayne settled in for the next 20 minutes, according to Wayne Coach Larry Brenner. Canton, however, poured it on during the last six minutes, scoring three more goals to take a 6-0 halftime lead.

Wayne played a better second half holding Canton until the final four seconds when the Lady chiefs pushed another one in for the 7-0 victory.

"Canton is a very fast and skilled team," Brenner said. "They deserve the state ranking. I

feel they are one of the best teams we have faced so far this season."

Wayne put an end to a six-game losing streak when they hosted Taylor Truman on Friday. Wayne racked up 27 shots in the 3-0 victory.

The Lady Zebras took out their frustration on Truman, scoring three first-half goals on 11 shots. Kellie Newsted, Becky Sikora and Chrissy Jones all scored for Wayne. Katie Moro, Kelly MacDonald and Danielle Borg all notched assists.

The second was scoreless with Wayne putting 16 shots on goal. Truman came on strong in the second half, taking nine of their 11 shots on goal. Angie Jones was there to stop them all for Wayne.

Wayne is now 2-6-1 overall and 0-5 in league play.

Young Inkster Vikings improve with age

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Another year in and another year older.

Like a bottle of fine wine that only gets better with age, the Inkster Viking baseball team has aged into a respectable team that other clubs will have to watch out for.

The Vikings were comprised largely of rough-around-the-edges freshmen last year, but still showed a lot of promise. Sure, they suffered bumps and bruises along the way, but they made it through the season relatively unscathed.

Now those freshmen are sophomores—with a year under their belts. This season they're putting all of that talent and experience to good use.

The Vikes are 5-2 overall and 3-0 in the Mega Gold.

"I really like the way this team is playing, both offense and defense," said Inkster Coach Jerome Orr. "It is still a young team but a lot of them were freshmen last year and have a year of baseball experience and you can tell the difference."

Orr's 22-man roster includes nine sophomores, three juniors and three seniors. A host of seven talented freshmen, again, round out the team.

"We still have a lot of fresh-

men, a lot of first year players," Orr said. "I'm surprised; they're picking up the game quicker than I thought they would."

Age doesn't seem to matter on this team.

Inkster beat cross-town rivals Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 8-7, at home on Monday. It was a back and forth game but it was sophomore Dominique Ware's double at the bottom of the sixth that sealed the deal for the Vikings. The hit knocked in runners Josh Howard and Mike Willingham for Inkster to overcome a 7-6 deficit, according to Orr.

Inkster started out hot with two runs in first but the Bulldogs jumped ahead, 4-2, at the top of the third frame. It didn't matter as Inkster reeled in two more at the bottom of the inning to tie it up. Both teams scored two in the fourth to keep it even, but Robichaud snuck one across in the fifth for the 7-6 advantage, setting up Ware in the sixth.

Howard earned the win from the mound. He sat down nine potential hitters in the outing. He also had double on offense.

J.J. Snelling nailed a single and a double and scored three times for Inkster. Willingham had a triple and an RBI.

"It hasn't really hit me yet as to how well this team is doing; to be 3-0 is pretty good," Orr said.

"I'm just taking it one game at a time. To beat Robichaud is special because it's a rivalry. But to beat Highland Park, another rival, and Ecorse, too, is even better."

The Vikes strong suit has been offense so far this season.

Inkster has been outstanding on offense lately. Against Ecorse

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SPORTS

Mustangs outlast Zebras

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It wasn't pretty; but a win is a win.

That's how Northville baseball coach John Kostzrewa described his team's 11-7 victory against Wayne Memorial on Monday night.

Northville went up 7-0 early on but Wayne managed to close the gap, 7-4, then, 9-5, then again to 9-7. Northville hung in there and kept the Zebras at bay through the final inning for the win.

"We were up early but then kind of relaxed and you can't do that to against any team," Kostzrewa said. "We put the ball in play and runners on bases. We just struggled on defense."

Brett Spencer pitched a complete game for the Mustangs.

Gerard Powell was 2-for-3 at the plate, including a three-run homer in the fourth. Jamie Hamilton had a two-run homer.

Earlier in the week, Northville continued to struggle in doubleheaders.

So far the Mustangs have yet to win a second game of a double. The trend continued against a pretty good Allen Park squad on Saturday. Northville fell, 12-5.

The contest was a close affair in the first when Northville only trailed, 3-2, but pitching—or the lack there of—hurt the Mustangs in the long run.

Northville struggled from the mound, going through five different pitchers in the seven-inning contest, walking 16 Allen Park players.

"It's tough to play well when you walk that many in a game," Kostzrewa said. "We just got behind right away with our counts. It was easy for them when they could sit back with the count 3-1."

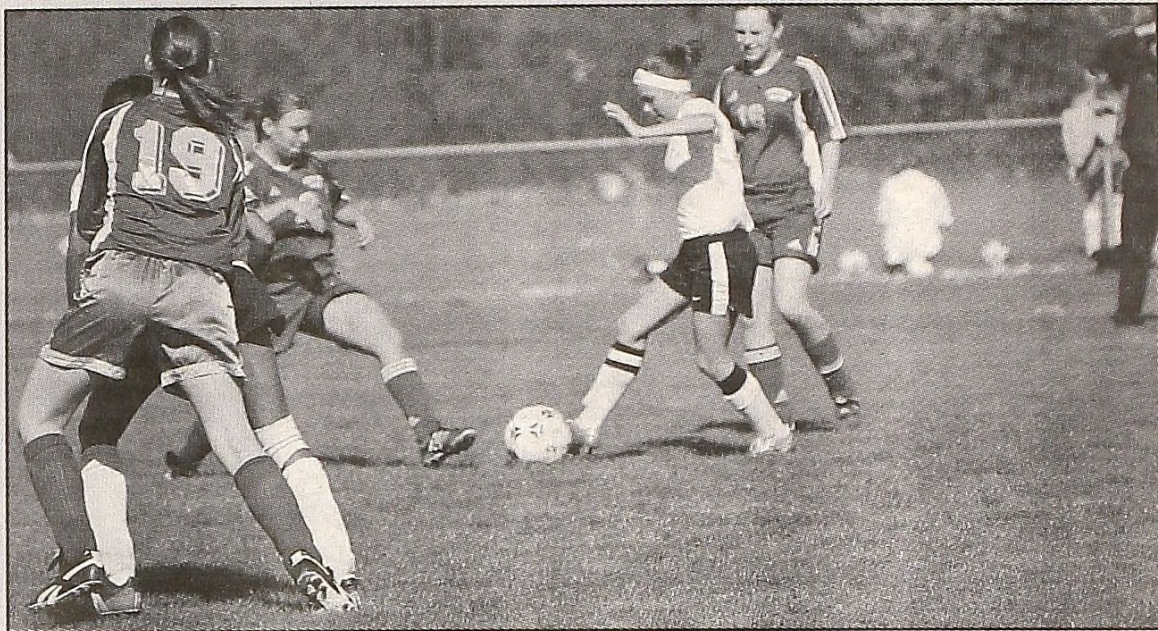
Charlie Thomas continued to be a solid force at the plate for Northville despite the loss. He was 3-for-4 in the game with a double and two RBI. Cory Patterson was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

"We seem to have a hard time keeping our focus in second games of doubleheaders," Kostzrewa. "We've lost all of them. All of our doubleheaders have been against quality non-conference teams. When you're playing good teams, win or lose, it's going to help."

Northville continued the better side of the trend—winning the first game of the doubleheader—in the first contest on Saturday.

Saturday wasn't the traditional double with both games against the same team. Due to a rain out earlier in the season, Northville doubled up and played Trenton in the first game and Allen Park in the second.

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Lady Tigers vs. Redford Union

Belleville's Pam Chudzinski (above) scored two goals, including the last one, against Redford Union last Wednesday. The Lady Tigers won 4-2 and went on to defeat Edsel Ford, 2-1, on Monday. For complete story, go to www.journalgroup.com.

Cats

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victory against Ann Arbor Huron.

The Lady 'Cats racked up 11 hits and committed no errors in the win.

Huron took a 1-0 lead at the top of the first inning, but would be unable to muster up anything beyond that, due in good part to Plymouth's stellar pitching.

Ostowski was back on track and earned the win from the circle. She pitched a one-hitter with six strikeouts and only gave up

two walks. She was also perfect at the dish, going 3-for-3 with a double.

Klonowski led the offensive attack with a perfect 3-for-3 at bat with a double and three RBI. Heldemeyer had three hits, including a double. Senior center fielder Danielle Bondy was 2-for-4.

The win was the third time the Lady Wildcats defeated the River Rats.

Their second victory against Huron was two days prior when they shut the Rats out 8-0.

Ostowski earned the win again. She pitched a two-hitter with three walks and three

strikeouts.

Bondy was 2-for-4 with an RBI on the offensive side of things. Klonowski went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a triple and Madison Dresser had two hits and a stolen base.

The two losses may be a blessing in disguise.

"We were 8-0 going into the weekend," Canfield said.

"I told the girls that it was a character builder. I told them that they wouldn't know how wonderful it is to win if they didn't lose."

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Holy celebrities

Motor City Comic Con will feature host of television personalities

Scott Spielman
Editor

Holy reunions, Batman!
When the Motor City Comic Con returns to town in two weeks, it will not only bring together a cornucopia of pop culture celebrities and comic book professionals, it will also bring together a variety of elements from the campy *Batman* television show from the late 1960s.

Adam West, who played the Caped

Crusader as well as his counterpart, Bruce Wayne, will be there as will Burt Ward, who played Wayne's young ward Dick Grayson—also known as Robin. Lee Meriwether and Julie Newmar, both of whom played Catwoman on the series, will be at the show, as will Malachi 'False Face' Throne and Yvonne 'Batgirl' Craig.

When you factor in displays that include the original batmobile, batcycle and bat computer, it's quite a coup for organizers of the event, according to Gary Bishop, who spearheads those efforts every year.

"There's never been a convention that's had more than two or three at a time," he said. "For us to have almost all of them, it's a big deal."

Eartha Kitt is currently on Broadway and couldn't make the show, he said.

Dozens of others could, though, including comic book creators from Sergio Aragones to Randy Zimmerman. As always, several comic book publishers will be on hand, too. Plenty of people attend the show because it brings together dozens of comic book realtors, too, most of whom have an exhaustive collection of back issues to sift through.

"It's going to be a good show," said Bishop.

The event isn't just for comic book enthusiasts, though. The pop culture portion of the event has gained in popularity, too. Bishop said it's a year-round effort to line up celebrities—old and current—who



want to make an appearance at the show. In addition to the Batman reunion this year, cast members from popular television dramas will be represented—including Charlene Tilton of *Dallas* fame and John Saxon who spent time on *Dynasty* and *Nightmare on Elm Street* and once fought side-by-side with Bruce Lee (in *Enter the Dragon*). Jerri Manthey, a contestant on *Survivor: Australian Outback* is scheduled to appear as well as Brent Spiner, Data from *Star Trek: the Next Generation*.

Some of the celebrities may not be recognizable no matter how fond you may be of television or pop culture. Marcia Wallace, C. Martin Croker and George Lowe may fit into that category. Wallace provides the voice of Edna on *The Simpsons*, while Croker and Lowe may be recognizable to insomniacs and on college campuses across the country—they voice the alien Zorak and Space Ghost on *Space Ghost, Coast to Coast*.

Bishop said the addition of pop culture celebrities started up about five years ago.

"We got to the point where we were doing a good job of bringing in the comic

book fans, but we wanted to reach out more into the population," he said. "We wanted to reach more than comic book fans."

Also at the show, a virtual shrine to the *Dukes of Hazzard* television show, put on by the Canadian Dukes of Hazzard Fan Club, based in Ruscom Station, Ontario, according to Paul Harrington, founder and president of the fan club. The General Lee will be there along with two sheriff department police cars and plenty of memorabilia, too.

"This year will be the largest 'Dukes of Hazzard' display that I have ever put together in one place, including props from the original TV series and the 2005 movie, and I'm pulling many friends into this with their TV and movie star cars," he said.

The show takes place May 19-21 at the Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River in Novi. Hours are from 1:30-8 p.m. on May 19; 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 and from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 19. Tickets are available at the door or through the web site at www.motorcityconventions.com.



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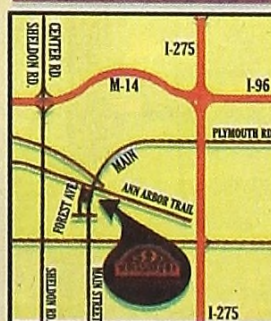
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Group aids long-time area homeowner

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Jean Clark's home sits several yards from Canton Center Road. When it was built in 1941, it was meant to be the garage for a large Colonial home that was never constructed, because World War II began and resources were scarce.

"You couldn't get materials," said Henry Moore, who lives across the street from Clark. Clark's parents, Moore explained, simply "built a house inside their garage."

Clark, 81, lives in the home alone now. Last year, the aging 750 square foot structure got a new roof, sidewalks, furnace, sewer hookups, smoke detectors, a washing machine, clothes dryer and a refrigerator, as part of the inaugural Christmas in Action in Canton.

"It was just a phenomenal job last year," said Jennifer Bell, Clark's next door neighbor.

Christmas came again this weekend for Clark, as volunteers returned to install 145 feet of drain tiles and custom screens for her porch.

"She just likes to sit there and watch the world go by," said Moore.

The little house was one of a half dozen homes chosen this year for repairs by total strangers: about 300 adults and area students, including the 25 ninth graders who helped with Clark's new landscaping.

In an area known for upscale, all-brick homes, Christmas in Action is an attempt to make sure those in the lower tax brackets aren't forgotten. Clark wouldn't be able to afford the repairs on her own: her total monthly income is just \$640, Moore said.

"It's so different," Clark said, smiling. "It's wonderful."

Christmas in Action Wayne County was organized by Jim Cisek. Cisek started the Canton chapter in 2005.

Bomb threat at North Middle School

School officials and Van Buren Township police continue to investigate a bomb threat that took place at North Middle School last week.

According to Ofc. Ryan Bidwell, a school resource officer from the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, the incident happened about 8 a.m. last Wednesday at the school.

The words "it's a bomb in school" were discovered written on the wall in a boy's lavatory that morning and became a concern, Bidwell said.

"We were contacted by the school about them finding a threat on the boys bathroom wall and the decision made between the administration and police was to evacuate the building immediately," he said.

A K-9 unit was brought into the school and no explosives were found. School resumed shortly after the building was determined to be safe, according to Bidwell.

School officials are offering an unspecified cash reward for anyone who has any information

about the incident. Bidwell said police will continue to investigate and if any suspects are found, they will prosecute.

Township police find missing woman

The Sumpter Township Police Department with the help of the Van Buren Township Police have found Jo Ann Powell of Sumpter Township who was reported missing last week.

According to Cmdr. James Piece of the Sumpter Township Police Department, Powell was found at about 8:30 a.m. last Saturday by the Van Buren Township Police. She was involved in an auto accident on Hull and Martinsville roads in the township and is now in the hospital recovering, he said.

Powell, 43, left her house in her car at about 10 a.m. last Thursday. Police are not releasing the reason she left, but said it was a concern because she is a diabetic and left the house without her medicine, according to officials.

Bomb threat at high school investigated

A student alerted a Canton High School security officer of a threat written in a boys' bathroom April 26. The threat was written in very small lettering underneath the toilet paper dispenser, and ended in a seven-letter expletive. The threat read: "I am going to blow up the school April 27th at 10:30. Be ready a*****"

The high school was handling the investigation into who wrote the threat, according to police reports.

Shopping early?

IKEA was the victim of some recent thefts, although the suspects weren't interested in furniture.

During the weekend of April 21-23, unknown suspects stole nine steel drain covers near the truck bays on the north side of the building. A store security officer, who reported the incident on April 26, said it was the second time the covers had been taken, and that the store would make efforts to secure the replacements.

Police were still investigating.

CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A - ZONING AMENDMENT 1.210

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning a certain property from R1-B Single Family Residential District to C-2 General Business District

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone .63 acres on the east side of Wayne Road, South of Van Born Road.
DP#82-80-017-01-0109-001 from R1B Single Family Residential to C-2 General Business District.

Legal Description of Parcel
DP#82-80-017-01-0109
LOT 109 EXCEPT E 33 FT THEREOF SUPERVISOR'S ROMULUS
PLAT NO 6 T3S R9E L68 P48 WCR

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 10th day of April, 2006.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

I hereby certify that tht foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 10th day of April, 2006.

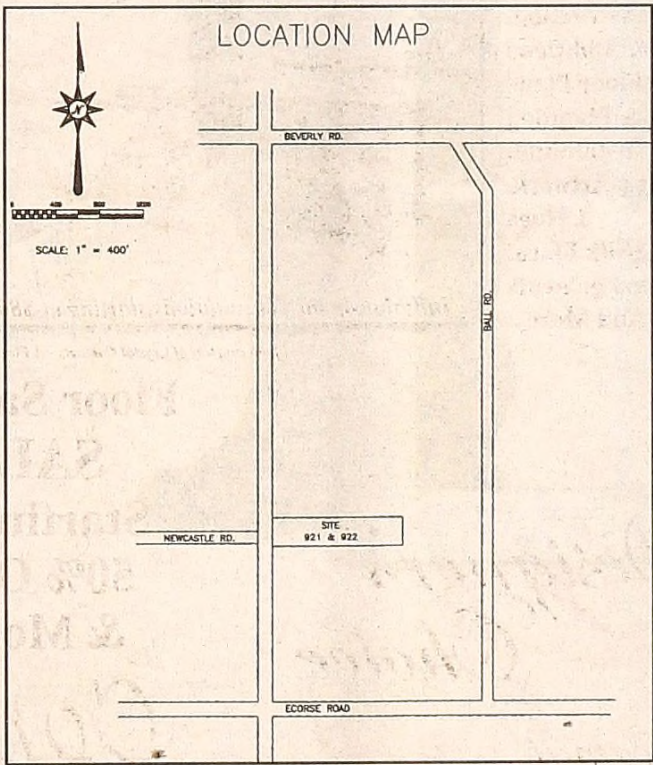
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Introduced: April 3, 2006
Adopted: April 10, 2006
Publish: May 4, 2006

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR'S YARD/WHOLESALE LANDSCAPE BUSINESS

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2006, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider PC-2005-013/014, a request to continue the use of a landscape contractor's yard/wholesale landscape business located on the east side of Merriman Road between Ecorse and Beverly Roads, DP# 8280-007-01-0921-000. The parcel is zoned C-2, General Business, District. Landscape contractor's yard/wholesale landscape businesses are permitted in the C-2, General Business District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, May 15, 2006, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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